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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

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THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The aims of the International League of Dermatological Societies are:
to encourage the advancement of dermatology,
to promote personal relations between the dermatologists of the world,
to represent dermatological interests in other international organizations,
to hold international congresses of dermatology.

The component bodies of the league are:

1. The Assembly of National Delegates.
2. The International Committee of Dermatology (I.C.D.).
3. The International Congress of Dermatology.
4. The Organizing Committee responsible for the organization of the Congress in whichever country it is next to be held.

1. The Assembly of National Delegates

The delegates are nominated by the National Societies of the different countries.

The number of delegates representing each country will be based on the number of regular members in the following proportions:

from 20-100 members	1 delegate
from 100-200 members	2 delegates
more than 200 members	3 delegates
more than 500 members	4 delegates

Every member may be replaced by a substitute.

If a country has more than one dermatological society, the delegates are nominated by consultation between the societies.

If a country is already represented on the International Committee of Dermatology, that member or members will automatically be delegates of that country.

The President of each National Dermatological Society will send the names of the delegates to the Secretary-General of the I. C. D., together with the names of those dermatological societies that have supported the appointment, and also a complete list of members.

At the International Congress the Assembly of Delegates holds its sessions under the Chairman of the I. C. D., who is also President of the International League of Dermatological Societies. The Assembly of Delegates is empowered:

- to elect members of the I. C. D. in accordance with the regulations given below concerning the composition of the I. C. D.,
- to decide the country and place where the next congress is to be held and to elect its President,
- to make rules and regulations for the organization of the International Congress,
- to appoint, if necessary, committees for special purposes,
- to fix the amount of the subscription for the next period.

2. The International Committee of Dermatology (I. C. D.)

The I. C. D. shall consist of 12 members elected by the Assembly of National Delegates (special experience in the matter of congresses and scientific work shall be considered at their election).

In addition to the elected members, the National President and Secretary of the last Congress, the ex-Chairman of the International Committee and the ex-Secretary-Treasurer of the International Committee, and the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the forthcoming Congress, shall all be ex-officio members of the I. C. D., if not elected.

At each Congress one third of the members shall retire according to age, vacancies following the death of a member, or vacancies arising from other causes to be taken into consideration. They shall be replaced by vote of the Assembly of Delegates. Reelection is not excluded.

At each Congress the I. C. D. elects its Chairman and Secretary-General from among its elected members. Their duties commence at the close of the Congress and they remain in office until the end of the following Congress. They are eligible for reelection.

The I. C. D. shall meet at the time of the Congress before the meeting of the National Delegates and at least once in the interval between the Congress.

The Chairman of the I. C. D. has the power to appoint committees to function between Congresses.

In case of urgency the Chairman may convene an emergency meeting, and the decision shall be accepted if a quorum of seven members be present and their vote is unanimous.

The International Committee of Dermatology is empowered:

- to deal with all questions regarding dermatological problems of international importance,
- to prepare the agenda for the Assembly of the National Delegates,
- to represent the interests of international Dermatology in relation to other organizations,
- to make suggestions to the President of the next Congress regarding the organization of the Congress,
- to appoint consultants to collaborate with the Organizing Committee in regard to scientific program, topics and principal speakers at the next International Congress.

Standing Committees. Each Standing Committee acting between Congresses shall have a permanent secretary. The Secretary shall be appointed by the President of the I. C. D. after consultation with the I. C. D. Standing Committees include those on:

1. Education of Dermatologists.
2. Classification.
3. Nomenclature.

Finances of the I. C. D. The members of the I. C. D. are unpaid.

To cover the expenses of the Committee (stamps, papers, secretarial work, travel expenses for the members once in the interval between Congresses) every National Society will pay a contribution for each member to cover a period of five years (corresponding to the interval between two congresses). The amount of the subscription is fixed by the Assembly of National Delegates.

Countries where there is no Dermatological Organization do not contribute as they have no direct representation in the Assembly of Delegates.

3. The International Congress of Dermatology

Object and Scope. The International Congress of Dermatology has for its object the development and advancement of dermatology by giving dermatologists of different countries an opportunity for submitting their personal experiences, of exchanging and discussing their ideas and forming personal bonds with their colleagues.

Meeting, membership and regulations. The International Congress of Dermatology shall be held every five years, but should it be impossible for a Congress to be held at the time appointed, it will meet at a later date, fixed by the I. C. D. in consultation with the Organizing Committee of the Congress.

All dermatologists of the world may be admitted as members of the Congress on payment of the Congress fee.

The President of the Congress has the right to appoint all the other officers of the International Congress. The President of the Congress may appoint such committees as he feels necessary for the efficient conduct of the Congress.

Consultants shall be appointed by the I. C. D. to work with the Organizing Committee of the forthcoming Congress, these consultants to have the power

to amend or alter the decisions and arrangements of the Organizing Committee of the Congress in matters relating to the Scientific Program, when in the consultants' opinion these appear to be in conflict with the aims of the International League of Dermatological Societies and of international dermatology. Disagreements between the consultants appointed by the International Committee and the Organizing Committee of the Congress shall be resolved by appeal to the President of the International League of Dermatological Societies, whose decision shall be final.

The official languages of the Congress are English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

The agenda of each session is drawn up by the Secretary of the Congress.

No report or communication that has previously been printed or read before another learned Society, may be presented in the same form to the Congress.

In the discussion no speech may exceed five minutes in length except by authority of the Chairman, based, if necessary, on a majority vote of those present.

The manuscripts of reports, communications and discussions must be handed, before the termination of the Congress, to the Congress Secretary for publication in the transactions of the Congress. The editorial board may call upon the author to curtail any report or communication which involves more than 1500 words inclusive of space for schedules, and tables . . . illustrations are only allowed (in exceptional cases and at the cost of the author) or to modify or withdraw any report or communication not in keeping with the scientific aim of the Congress. The author may be called upon to contribute towards the cost of the article if it exceeds the specified number of words and cannot reasonably be curtailed.

Any report or communication read before the Congress, but published prior to the appearance of the transactions, can appear therein only in the form of a summary.

The transactions (reports, papers, symposia, discussions) of the Congress shall be published in their original languages.

The subscription of membership of the Congress covers the cost of the transactions. The subscription must be paid at the latest at the beginning of the Congress.

4. Organizing Committee

The President of the Congress and his Organizing Committee are responsible for the organization of the Congress and for the publication of its transactions.

Before the Congress, the Organizing Committee will publish summaries of reports and papers in English, compiled in book form and forwarded to the members of the Congress not later than six weeks before the Congress.

The Organizing Committee may make provision for any extra functions at the Congress for films, television, stipends, etc.

Amendments to the Rules. Proposed amendments to these rules must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the I. C. D. at least three months before the meeting of the Assembly of Delegates. The proposals will be circulated to the members of the I. C. D. and then put to the vote before the Assembly of Delegates. Adoption requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting.